



Approved: *Bridget Donnell Newton*
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*
Approved Meeting No. 35-20;
March 1, 2021

Monday, November 2, 2020
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 35-20
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDING

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Bridget Donnell Newton	Mayor	Present
Monique Ashton	Councilmember	Present
Beryl L. Feinberg	Councilmember	Present
David Myles	Councilmember	Present
Mark Pierzchala	Councilmember	Present

1. Convene

The Mayor and Council convened in Open Session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday November 2, 2020 in a virtual meeting by WebEx.

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, Acting City Attorney Cynthia Walters, and City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell reported no changes to the Agenda.

4. City Manager's Report

City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on events and topics: The City of Rockville, in partnership with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and So What Else, Inc., will hold a food distribution event on Friday, Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the David Scull Community Center.

#MasksOnMaryland drive-through mask distributions will be held in Rockville on Wednesday Nov. 18 from 4-6 p.m. Drive-through distributions will take place at: Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway; Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive; Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave.; and Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road. Attendees must stay in their vehicles and wear a face covering.

The City's fall leaf collection will begin on Monday, November 16.

Please consider becoming a volunteer to help shovel snow or rake leaves for an elderly neighbor. To sign up for assistance or to volunteer, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/snowshoveling.

Finally, special appreciation is due to Parks Sanitation Operator Eugene Brown, who is responsible for refuse pickup inside of City Parks.

5. COVID-19 Update

Emergency Manager Dr. Mark Landahl provided an update of the COVID-19 pandemic impact on the City, County and State.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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6. Proclamation

A. Municipal Government Works Proclamation

Mayor Newton read the Proclamation declaring November as Municipal Government Works Month and presented it to Assistant to the City Manager Linda Moran.

	RESULT: UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

B. Proclamation Declaring November 2020 as National Alzheimer's Awareness Month

Councilmember Monique Ashton read and moved the Proclamation declaring November 2020 as National Alzheimer's Awareness Month.

	RESULT: UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER:	David Myles, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

C. Proclamation Declaring November 2020 as National Family Caregivers Awareness Month

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg read and moved Proclamation declaring November 2020 as National Family Caregivers Awareness Month and presented it to Jill Cornish.

	RESULT: UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
SECONDER:	David Myles, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

D. Proclamation Declaring November 2020 as National Native American Heritage Month

Councilmember Monique Ashton read and moved the Proclamation declaring November 2020 as National Native American Heritage Month.

	RESULT: UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

E. Proclamation Declaring November 2020 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala read and moved the Proclamation declaring November 2020 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

	RESULT: UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

F. Proclamation Declaring November 3, 2020 as Peaceful Protest Day in Rockville

Councilmember David Myles read and moved the Proclamation declaring November 3, 2020 as Peaceful Protest Day in Rockville.

	RESULT: UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	David Myles, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

7. Community Forum

Name	Topic
John Becker	Vehicular and motorcycle noise in town center.
Steven VanGrack	Volunteerism
Brian Van Fossen	5-day employee leave buyback
Patricia Dubroof	Art in public places

8. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum

The Mayor and Council thanked everyone for their participation in Community Forum.

9. Presentation of the MD 586 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project

Chief of Traffic and Transportation Emad Elshafei provided a brief overview of the MD 586 Bus Transit (BRT) Project. Montgomery County Department of Transportation Senior Engineer

Michael Mitchell presented an outline of the BRT program corridor study on Veirs Mill Road bus stations and next steps.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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10. Consent

A. 2021 State Legislative Priorities

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved Item 10A on Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Monique Ashton seconded with edits.

	RESULT: UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

B. Approval of Letter to MDOT Regarding Comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Project

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved Item B on Consent Agenda.

	RESULT: UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

C. Vehicle Safety Policy for COVID-19 Pandemic

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved Item C on Consent Agenda.

	RESULT: UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

D. FY 2021 Budget Amendment (Amendment #1)

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved Item D on Consent Agenda.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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	RESULT: 4-0-1
MOVER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	David Myles, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala
OPPOSE:	Councilmember Feinberg

E. Adoption of Resolution to Establish Scope of Review, Topics and Subject Matter for the Charter Review Commission to Review and Make Recommendations to the Mayor and Council Regarding Provisions Contained in the City of Rockville Charter

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved Item 10E on Consent Agenda.

	RESULT: UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

11. Approval of the Art in Public Places - Rockville Gateway Project

Superintendent of Recreation, Andy Lett and Arts Program Supervisor Betty Wisda provided a brief overview of the Art in Public Places recommendations.

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to have Staff and the Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) reach out to the communities of Fallsgrove, Thomas Farm and Rockville residents for a response to the proposal.

	RESULT: UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 8:55 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 9:03 P.M.

12. Proposed County Growth Policy – Update and Feedback

Chief of Zoning Jim Wasilak provided an update on the Proposed County Growth Policy and staff recommends the Mayor and Council direct staff to provide any additional feedback to the County Council.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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Mayor and Council requested staff to draft a letter on the items discussed.

	RESULT: UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER:	David Myles, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

13. Volunteer Program Update

Senior Neighborhood Resource Coordinator, Hjarman Cordero provided an update on the Volunteer Program.

Mayor and Council directed staff to provide a Volunteer Work Program and timeline.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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14. Review and Comment - Mayor and Council Action Report

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Action Report.

15. Review and Comment - Future Agendas

The Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas.

16. Old/New Business

The Mayor and Council discussed old/new business.

17. Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

RESULT: UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Monique Ashton, Councilmember

SECONDER: Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember

IN FAVOR: Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg,
Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala